

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of May 7, 2009 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 11 - 20 have been examined with the following result: claims 11 and 15 are objected to on formal grounds because the term "said valve" in claim 11, "said inner orifice" and "said annular bead" in claim 15, none of which have proper antecedent basis; claims 11 - 15 and 17 - 20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over De'Longhi in view of Stiller et al; and claim 16 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over De'Longhi in view of Stiller et al and Norton.

To overcome the noted objection, claim 15 has been amended to render it dependent from claim 13 and to further amend it to provide the necessary antecedent basis.

To better define the invention and to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 103, claim 11 has been amended to specify that the axial pressure-transmitting conduits extend along and are concentric with the valve assembly. This is clearly visible in Figs 1 and 2. This feature is not shown in either De'Longhi, Stiller et al or Norton

It should also be noted that De'Longhi does not disclose an underpressure valve body which makes the closure cap axially longer than what is shown in De'Longhi, and Stiller et al does not disclose a valve assembly including an overpressure and underpressure valve body. The tank insert of Stiller et al is a known insert and comprises a sensor pressure impact surface 11 which is directed to the inside of the tank. Between the inside of the tank and the pressure impact surface 11 there is a cover having two flow channels 12 and 13, which, however, cannot be compared with the axial

pressure-transmitting conduits of the present invention. This design of a cover having two flow channels 12 and 13 of Stiller et al is more closely compared with the design of De'Longhi when the safety device 7 has been covered by a cover having two openings. This is not the present invention.

Accordingly, claims 11 - 20 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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